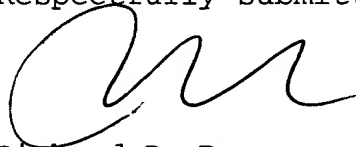


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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claim 9 so that this claim is no longer multiply dependent. The Applicant may elect to amend Claim 9 to make it again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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9. (Amended) A communication platform according to [any one of claims 6 to 8]claim 6, further comprising a billing system in communication with said control means for billing each subscriber according to call handling resource usage.

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